Met Office Mountain Weather Forecast

Bannau Brycheiniog (Brecon Beacons) National Park

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Saturday 16 Mar 2024 until 23:59 on Sunday 17 Mar 2024

Forecast Issued on Friday 15 Mar 2024 at 16:14

Confidence: High confidence for a cloudy start on Saturday with rain soon spreading north across the Brecon Beacons. Lower confidence in cloud detail later on Saturday and Sunday. Winds remaining mostly west or southwesterly for the start of next week.

Headline for Saturday 16 Mar 2024: A dry start to the day on Saturday, patchy light rain at times from mid morning and the afternoon, rain likely to turn persistent and heavy for a time in the evening.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 16 Mar 2024

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Low Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 600m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Cloudy	Dull	Drizzle	Light rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain
Precipitation probability							
<05%	10%	10%	30%	40%	60%	80%	70%

Forecast for Saturday 16 Mar 2024

Weather: A dry start to the day on Saturday but cloud soon thickening as rain spreads northeast into the west of the Brecon Beacons by mid morning and spreads east. Rain will be generally light and sometimes patchy or drizzly in the afternoon, with some drier conditions further east. However the rain is likely to turn persistent and heavy for a time in the afternoon and evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 600m: 80% lowering to 40% by early afternoon as rain spreads east.

Low cloud and visibility: Some patchy low cloud early on Saturday around the mountain tops. Lower cloud gradually spreading east during the morning as light rain spreads in. Scattered layers above 600m in the west will lower and thicken during the afternoon becoming broken layers above 400m by late afternoon, further east low cloud will be patchier above 600m during most of the day but thickening and lowering by late afternoon. Visibility will be good to start but falling poor in light rain and drizzle. Visibility will be better towards eastern hills for much of the day.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	10/13 NW	5/7 W	10/13 S	15/21 SE	19/25 S	19/25 S	18/24 S	22/30 S	19/26 S
300	4/11 W	3/4 SW	4/7 SE	6/13 SE	10/21 SE	10/22 S	9/20 S	13/27 S	11/24 S
Valley	5/11 W	3/4 SW	2/4 E	3/7 E	5/14 SE	7/17 S	7/19 S	11/26 S	10/23 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	3/-0	3/1	4/0	4/-0	6/1	7/3	8/4	8/3	8/4
300	4/3	4/2	3/2	6/3	8/5	9/7	10/8	10/7	10/7
Valley	5/3	4/3	3/2	6/5	8/6	10/8	10/9	10/8	10/8
Freezing Level*	1000m	1100m	1200m	1900m	2000m	1900m	2100m	2100m	2000m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Meteorologist's View

Winds freshening during the afternoon.

Recent rainfall: measured at Neuadd: altitude 353m

Recorded at	Last 24 hours:	Last 48 hours:	Last 72 hours:
15:00 on Fri 15 Mar 2024	23.6mm	32mm	42.6mm

Forecast for Sunday 17 Mar 2024

Weather: Heavier rain will clear overnight with some areas seeing drier but cloudy conditions on Sunday. Around western hills patchy drizzle and light rain will fall at times, the best conditions can be expected around eastern hills. During the afternoon a few brighter spells will develop for most areas.

Maximum wind: Southwesterly 15mph with gusts 25mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 600m: 40% improving to 60%

Low cloud and visibility: Scattered layers of cloud above 400m. Cloud broken or overcast around the west of the area. In the east cloud likely to be patchy with some breaks developing in the afternoon. Visibility will be moderate in the west and poor at times in drizzle and light rain, better in the east and becoming good or very good in the afternoon.

Temperature: **Valleys:** Plus 8 Celsius rising to 12 Celsius later.
At 600m: Plus 6 Celsius.
Freezing level: Above all summits.

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